

# CLARKSVILLE WEEKLY CHRONICLE.

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## PROMOTION.

Dr. Graham, in his sermon at the Episcopal Church, Sunday, drew a fine reflection from the parable put to ascribed Israel by Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, who had escaped the slaughter of his brethren. The text is from Judges 9: 8-7:

The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us. But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

The lesson taught in the parable, the doctor said, was that man should seek promotion only as an end to doing greater good and increasing his sphere of usefulness.

The olive tree, for example, was very useful in its place, affording a fine oil by which kings were anointed and many other purposes served. The olive rightly declined to leave this position, humble though it be, to rule over the forest.

Applied to latter day politics, this doctrine seems transcendental, and it is probable that if Jetham were alive and were to make this little speech on the stump in our own day and time, the newspapers in their comments would say that he was a mugwump of mugwumps. The machine organs would pour out their ridicule on him as a political dude, a milk-sop, or man-miliner, and Mr. Ingalls, of Kansas, would rise in his seat in the Senate to compare him to that disgusting specimen of humanity that is representative of neither sex.

Taking the olive tree's position as a standard, it is painful to reflect how far we are from the adoption of such a rule in modern politics, or even in matters of every day life. There is a universal scramble for promotion, and the aspirant for honors never so much as pretends that he seeks to raise his station in order that he may increase his usefulness.

Jotham's parable continues to relate that the trees met with similar answers from the fig tree and the vine to that given by the olive, but when the kingly office was tendered the bramble it was accepted with alacrity.

We have multitudes of ambitious brambles in this day and generation, all of them seeking promotion for the vain glory and "chicken pie" that the office affords, and not considering their capability of bestowing honor on the office or bringing personal usefulness to its administration.

It is hardly practical to hope for a thorough reform in this direction; such reform is not consistent with human nature as we know it. History has produced few men who come up to the olive tree's standard. Cincinnati, Washington and Robert E. Lee, were shining lights, but the world has known such characters only at rare intervals.

But while sudden and radical reform may not be practical under present conditions, it is pleasing and profitable to have such a standard fixed as the possibly attainable in political morals. We were glad to hear such ideas advanced from the pulpit; that is a proper place for their promulgation, and the press should not withhold its sanction.

Such expressions are gratifying at a time when political morality is at such a low ebb, when honor and promotion are meted out by party machines, and when efforts at reform are made the subject of public ridicule.

The outbreak of the Chicago anarchists, for which the strikes afforded an opportunity and excuse, has produced a decided reaction against strikes. The freight handlers at Chicago contemplate abandoning their strike in recognition of popular sentiment against strikes produced by the anarchist riot. The Switchman's Union sent the strikers a communication Sunday absolutely refusing to uphold them. A further evidence lies in the resolutions adopted by the Louisville Labor and Trades Assembly condemning "the outrageous and indefensible acts of the law-breakers of Chicago and Milwaukee," and disclaiming "any sympathy with these violators of the law." The resolutions further declare that they will be "found ready at all times, either as individual citizens or organized bodies, to lend all aid in their power to suppress unlawful disturbance, to maintain peace, and to promote the general welfare by upholding the constituted authorities in all action bearing thereon." The great, hydra-headed monster of lawlessness, that for a time threatened the peace and prosperity of the country, was after all only a calf that needed more rope to hang itself.

GLADSTONE moved the passage of his home rule bill on its second reading, in the House of Commons, Monday, and made another powerful speech in its defense. He scored a good point against the opposition by saying they could only criticize the measure he proposed without offering anything in lieu of it.

## CONCERNING A CLEAN SWEEP.

The CHRONICLE has never joined in the cry for a clean sweep of the old Supreme Court. It has made no personal complaint of any of the gentlemen who now occupy seats on that bench. But in this much we heartily join: the next court must be one that is active and capable of keeping up with the business that comes before it.

It has been pointed out that in Georgia, Alabama and other States, where there must be as much litigation as there is in Tennessee, the dockets of the Supreme Courts are clear, and all business squared to date. This is in the face of the fact that these States have fewer judges than we have in Tennessee.

There is a universal demand, and it is just, that the coming Supreme bench in this State be one that will make such a record. The present court is a long way behind in its business, causing great inconvenience and injustice to litigants by its delay in reaching cases. This is true, notwithstanding that there have been several extra courts created from time to time to assist it, costing the State large amounts of money.

We are not prepared to charge this palpable incompetency of the court, as a whole, on any individual member. Some of the gentlemen who compose the court are undoubtedly eminent lawyers and men of fine character and ability. But the popular fiat has gone forth that the next Supreme Court must be composed of workers, and that much meets the CHRONICLE's hearty sanction.

A FIERCE faction war has broken out in the ranks of Tennessee Republicans that threatens the demolition of the g. o. p.'s harmonica. We don't know what it is all about and don't care. John Littleton, of the National Review, and Capt. Winters are the chief combatants, and there is much talk about the Houk faction and the Reed faction, which these two worthies are supposed to represent respectively. We haven't been interested enough to find out what distinguishes the factions. Bad eggs are all of a whatchess, whether they be layed by common hens or chickens of an aristocratic breed. The material point in the wrangle is that one side says the State conventions are called to meet in August, and the other says they are to come off in June. Sic him Tige; sic him Bulger. We bet on the one that whips.

The public this week has been treated to another sweet scented exhibition of political methods in Ohio. When the time came for seating the Hamilton county members in the State Senate, the Democratic members exodusted, provided themselves with a palace car and plenty of drinkables, and went on a junketing tour down the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, through Kentucky and Tennessee. Only one Senator of the Democratic persuasion was left behind to stand guard, but the Republicans caught him napping, and by a parliamentary fiction, proceeded to seat the Republican Senators from Hamilton county without calling the roll, it being presumed that a quorum was present unless the contrary was shown. The junketing Democrats then went home and kicked themselves.

THE Greeks are holding mass-meetings all over their country to protest against the decree of blockade issued by the powers, and to appeal to the people of foreign countries for sympathy against the tyranny of the powers. Unless Greece can make it to the interest of some foreign country to come to her aid, the "appeal to sympathy against tyranny" is all bosh and moonshine. The world don't indulge much in sympathy of this kind, and if it does, the sympathy don't lead to practical results. When "Sarmatia fell, unwept without a crime," poets sung of the cruelty of the transaction, but no great power drew sword to prevent it or to redress the wrong done.

THE Roman church has proven itself a conservative power against the radical tendencies to anarchism and outlawry in America. It has had much to do in the quelling of the strike fever and its prelates hurl its awful anathama against the red-handed socialists. Archbishop Gibbon preached a sermon in Baltimore last Sunday that will have more effect in subduing the insurrectionary spirit among the foreign elements of this country than the fear of Gatling guns. Too much Romanism might create apprehension in America, but its present working in opposition to socialism, shows a counterpoise of forces that is altogether desirable.

KANSAS CITY suffered Tuesday from one of those terrible tornados in which Nature seems to pour out her wrath on the world and humanity. The Lathrop school building was blown down and twelve children killed and nine badly wounded. Several factories, the Court House and other buildings met with a like fate. The total loss of life is not yet fully ascertained, but it is great, and the destruction of property is roughly estimated at \$150,000.

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OUR Lafayette correspondent, "Demosthenes," explains that he has never been inconsistent on the temperance question; he is and was from the first a strong supporter of the prohibition cause. The article which we mistook for an anti-prohibition argument, was only a protest against the use of the contribution box in prohibition assemblies. In this view we are prepared to say that "Demosthenes" is eminently correct. We have always regarded the contribution box as a highly obnoxious institution, and we are glad a champion has been found bold enough to speak out in meetin' and sav so.

THE Wilson county Democratic convention, which assembled to appoint delegates to the State Judicial convention, after selecting a full quota of the solid farmers and business men of the county, made all of the Democratic members of the Lebanon bar delegates. This would be a good precedent for other counties to follow. The bar of the State should be largely represented in the Judicial convention, while it should be mainly made up of those who represent the laity.

It has been shown in several instances within the past few years, notably in Ohio and Tennessee, that parliamentary laws are defective and open the road for fraud and sharp practice. It would be well enough for legislation to step in and supplement parliamentary law so far as it applies to the working of legislative bodies. These filibustering scenes are disgraceful to the States in which they occur.

THE President has added much to the estimation in which he is held by tax-payers of this country, by vetoing a pension bill. These insufferable raids on the treasury ought to be stopped. Congressman Hewett, of New York, has had the courage to say so, and we hope that other representatives will come to the front who have backbone enough to second his efforts.

THE Memphis Ledger has passed under the ownership of Capt. J. Harvey Mathews and Mr. Trass, who have long been its editors, promises numerous improvements in its typographical appearance, size, etc. The Ledger is a good paper, and its owners are clever gentlemen. We hope it abundant prosperity.

THE Hopkinsville Tri-Weekly New Era has enlarged to an eight column folio. It is a good paper, and deserves the success evidenced in the enlargement.

THE Cobb property on Madison street, consisting of a vacant lot between the residence of Mrs. Cobb and that of Mr. George Bowling, was offered for sale Monday. The lot was divided into two parts, one fronting on Madison street and the other on Commerce. The former was purchased by Capt. Frank P. Gracey at \$28 per foot front. He also bid \$15 per foot front for the latter, but the bid was rejected.

PEOPLE living on the Dover road complain that the portion of it between Riggins Hill and Woodlawn is in a bad fix, in fact, almost impassable. The Dover road, as is well known, has long been an insolvent concern and badly in need of regulation. Just now it needs it worse than ever and the attention of the road commissioners is invited to the fact.

## Cheap Board.

G. R. Harris & Son's hotel now gives day board at \$3.00 per week and board and lodging at \$4.00 per week. First-class fare and good accommodation can thus be secured at reduced rates.

## K. of P.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in this city next week will be quite an event. The local lodge, which has an extensive membership, has made arrangements for a hospitable entertainment of the visiting Knights. A ball will be given at the Tobacco Exchange and a banquet at Elder's Opera House. The visitors will be driven to interesting points about the city and to Dunbar's cave.

It is desired that the city make as good an appearance as possible while the visitors are here, and to that end it is requested that there be a general decoration of houses.

MR. C. H. BAILEY is improving his residence on the corner of Main and Seventh streets by the addition of a new front porch.

## The Lundi Club.

Quite a pleasant meeting of the Lundi Club was held at Mrs. Wallace's on the evening of the 10th. The next meeting will be at Mr. G. B. Wilson's. Subject, George Ebers. Appointees: Readers, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Munford, Miss Mattill, Mrs. Kimbrough, Miss Shackelford and Mr. Elwang. Music: Mr. Macrae, Miss Jennie Bailey, Miss Poston, Miss Price, Miss Clemmie Herring and Mr. Hendrick.

THE new Methodist Church is now being painted inside and out. Mr. George R. Wood has the contract, and is making a handsome job of it. The Methodist congregation wish to have the building completed by the time the Conference meets here in the Fall. When finished it will be a very handsome structure, costing about \$35,000.

THE Clarksville Board of Trade met Tuesday night and passed a series of resolutions opposing the Camden amendment to the Collum Inter-State Commerce bill. The bill has subsequently passed the Senate and the resolutions are therefore, in certain sense, *res adjudicata*. The objectionable amendment was so warped into the bill, as passed, as to make it optional with the commissioners whether a railroad be allowed to charge more for a short than a long haul. That is a very lame feature and we don't believe it will successfully run the gauntlet of the House of Representatives, the President's veto and the courts.

## Dissolution and Change of Firm.

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned having expired by limitation, the firm of CRUSMAN & HOWARD is hereby dissolved. J. J. Crusman of the new firm will attend to the liquidation of the business of the firm.

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